DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Abdur Rahiman Kutti, the metalling of the road from the Maharani Market to the Jews' shop junction has already been sanctioned and a sum of Rs. 15,265 has been provided for the work. The Chief Engineer will have the actual work taken up shortly.

As regards the other roads, Government and the Municipality have come to an agreement that each will contribute a part of the cost, and all that we are waiting for now is to hear from the South Indian Railway Company who have been written to for the construction of a gate where the road crosses the line.

The Chief Engineer is sending up an estimate for repairing the walls along the banks of the canal.

It is too soon to talk of a very big and expensive bridge like the Tevalli bridge for Quilon. You are getting the Neendakara bridge, and that is quite enough for one or two years.

The one or two other roads which you speak of will also be considered.

As regards the construction of houses for the fisherfolk, that is really for the Municipality to take up, and if they want help from Government, I have no doubt they will apply to Government.

The member should try to influence the Municipality, of the Council of which he is a member, to take up this question.

I do not think it is the duty of the Police to provide fire-engines. That is essentially a matter for the Municipality. The Municipality is collecting rates and taxes and they must spend for the people. The Municipality is raising taxes for these purposes and the Government cannot spend the general taxes on the Quilon Municipality.

120. Needs of the Kayancolam town.

MR. P. V. IRUPOOTY (*Member, Municipal Council, Kayancolam*) dealt with the following needs of Kayancolam:—

Immediate instructions should be issued for extending to the Roman Catholic church the road leading from the present motor checking station at Karakattumukku towards the west and for converting it into a cart road as was proposed by the Municipality.

The proposal of Government to open a new road from Puthiyedam to the Roman Catholic church for diverting the motor traffic through the town should be taken up soon.

All the roads inside the town should be metalled.

Gutters should be provided on both sides of the roads in the town.

A salt bankshall should be established at the place. The merchants of Kayancolam had now to get salt from Quilon, Alleppey and other places and to stock it for sale to people forty or fifty miles away.

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A timber depot should be established at Kayancolam where ordinary timber of the kind which was in demand among common people should be stocked for sale.

A veterinary hospital should be established at Kayancolam. No use could be derived from the present arrangement of a veterinary doctor staying at the place for a week in the month.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Irupooty, you speak of the extension of the road from the Karakattu junction west to the Catholic Church. The P. W. D. is not able to identify the road. The other roads will be taken up by the Road Board. The prvision of gutters is for the Municipality.

As there was no sale, the timber depot was abolished. However, I will ask the Conservator to enquire into the matter.

As regards the veterinary hospital, a veterinary hospital has been established at Mavelikara and I do not think you require one at Kayancolam as well.

The Assembly adjourned for lunch at 2 P. M.

121. Hardships of the Jenmies of North Travancore and the means of remedying them.

MR. KESAVAN KESAVAN NAMBUTIRI (*Member, Jenmies, Kottayam Division*) said that in the last Settlement certain *kanapattom* lands were treated as *Pandarapattom* lands for the mere reason that the Ozhukus were missing and *pattas* were issued accordingly to the *Jenmies*. The tax on these lands was being realised from the *Jenmies*. This was very hard. From very olden days it was the usual practice in this country to realise land tax from the mortgagee who was in possession of the land. Lands transferred by the *Jenmi* on *Kanapattom* to the tenant stood on the same footing as mortgaged lands and there was no legal objection to realise the tax on such lands from the tenant. A temporary *Pokkuvaravu* should therefore be conducted at the beginning of each year with a view to ascertaining the tenants from whom taxes were due and also for realising such tax from them. The *pokkuvaravu* might be done on the basis of statements to be furnished by the *Jenmies*, showing the extent of the lands, the name of the tenant, the amount of the tax etc. In case the tenant defaulted payment of the tax, his *Kanom* right should first be proceeded against.

Another grievance of the *Jenmies* was in respect of lands which were by mistake treated as *pandarapattom* in the Settlement, but which the *Jenmies* had by recourse to Civil Courts got declared as *jenmom* lands. In the case of these lands, the Land Revenue Department altered the *tharam* of the lands, as soon as they were declared *jenmom* lands, and assessed them very heavily. They sought also to recover the dues on the lands in respect of all the preceding years at this high rate. This was a very inequitable procedure. Besides, when such lands were in the possession of the tenants, they should be made to pay a rateable portion of the tax.

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